

Transcript

At a Superior Court of Law began and held for
the County of Richmond September 23rd 1815
the following Petition was exhibited to the said
Court and filed in the Clerks Office ~~of this Court~~
to wit.

To the Honorable the Judge of the Su-
perior Court of Law for Richmond County

The Petition of Matthew Cole of the
same County most humbly and respectfully
represents: That some time in the year 1810
this petitioner intermarried with one Betsy
Stockland a lady for whom he has formed an
honorable attachment and with whom he
hoped and expected to enjoy as much happiness
as usually results from the Married State
That in Order to promote Harmony and domestic
felicity he exerted all the means in his power
to render her situation agreeable, and for some
time he believed her a woman of good
Moral, and faithful to her engagement.
But your petitioner states that some time
in or about the Month of October last
he became convinced to his inexpressible
mortification that she was unfaithful to his
bed, and had been guilty of Lewdness and
Adultery: On which your petitioner declined
living with her or treating her as his wife
since which separation he believes and affects
to prove she has been guilty of Adultery
(with)